

connecting a user computer to said remote parts database; and

embedding a dynamic part from said remote parts database into an application running on the user's computer.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of displaying said dynamic parts graphically on the user's computer, and receiving a selection indication of a dynamic part from a user.

7. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of copying said component data items into a local database connected to the user computer upon embedding said dynamic part into the application.

14. (Amended) A system for providing electronic components to users over a distributed electronic network, comprising:

a remote parts database;

a plurality of dynamic parts stored in said remote parts database, wherein each of said dynamic parts represents an individual electronic component and is associated with a plurality of component data items; and

a server connected to said remote parts database and to said distributed electronic network, for connecting a user computer to said remote parts database and for transmitting dynamic parts to an application running on the user computer.

19. (Amended) The system of claim 14, further comprising a local database connected to the user computer, said local database storing dynamic parts transmitted to the user computer.

21. (Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein one or more of said dynamic parts transmitted to the user computer comprises a link to either said remote parts database or another remote database.

22. (Amended) The system of claim 14, further comprising a process for generating an electronic bill of materials based on said dynamic parts transmitted to said application on the user computer, said

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electronic bill of material comprising a link for each dynamic part to either said remote parts database or another remote database.

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